ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

SUPPORTING CLASS STRUGGLE PRISONERS

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Aboriginal Activist In Jail

Dennis Bruce Walker, long-time Aboriginal activist, is currently serving time in Grafton jail, N.S.W. while he waits for an appeal on a conviction and sentence. Dennis was charged over an incident in which he was acting to protect a Sacred Site on Banjalung land, Northern N.S.W. Dennis was sentenced to five years for what was basically an act of self-defence. After a struggle with a policeman, Dennis seized the policeman's gun and emptied it into the ceiling - being too smart to hand the copper back a loaded gun. Dennis is seeking a retrial on the basis that Trial Judge Craigie refused to consider Customary Law evidence.

Dennis has the support of the Banjalung Council of Elders, who have condoned his actions in protecting a Bundjalung sacred site, and called for his handing over to his elders on Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah Morgumpun Elders in Council) for any further action on this matter.

Dennis's appeal will be a historic one if handled correctly, bringing in issues of Sovereignty and the acceptance of Customary law.

Dennis has asked for support. Please write letters to the following people demanding Dennis's immediate release pending retrial on the basis that Customary Law evidence was refused by Trial Justice Craigie.

* State and Federal Ministers for:
  (a) Aboriginal Affairs
  (b) Justice
  (c) Attorneys General
* Heads of Churches and individual priests
* Human Rights Commission
* Reconciliation Council
* ATSIC representatives
* Any others who could influence his immediate release

Please mention in your letters that a full brief can be obtained from Keith Gasteen, Wallace Rd, The Channon, 2480. Ph/fax 066 886 339. Readers who require more information can write to or ring Keith.

Dennis would like copies of any letters you send in his support, please send them to his address below.

Remember Dennis - write to him in Grafton jail, addressing your letters as follows:

Dennis Bruce Walker
MIN245312
PO Box 656
Grafton 2460
NSW

(The Federal Minister for Justice and Attorney General is Daryl Williams, C/- Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600. Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister is Senator John Herron, Level 36, Waterfront Place, 1 Eagle St, Brisbane, QLD 4000. The Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs is Mr D. Melham.)

Barricade Books Censorship Trial Update

On Friday 12th April at Broadmeadows Magistrates Court, the Police 'generously' offered to drop two charges as long as our co-worker pleaded guilty to at least one charge. Malcolm, after waiting all day, elected to take advantage of this magnanimous offer and received a one year good behaviour bond. These obscenity charges were laid after a police raid on Barricade on 3rd July 1995 when allegedly obscene t-shirts and a pamphlet were seized.

JACKSONVILLE ABC RAID UPDATE

"We would like to thank all those who gave us support when we came under Attack by the State. Due to the money we received we were able to pay our bail bonds and hire a lawyer. If it wasn't for this support we would still be in jail. On the same note we would like to criticise those who did not send money, or even call or write. When we come under attack we are dependent on each other for support. In our situation where we are geographically far from most political activity we could have easily been destroyed. there were even people who did not want any communication with us in fear they would get tied in with us and come under the same repression ! It means so much just to know that people are concerned with your situation. Our court date has already moved 3 times. The Prosecutor offered us fines and probation but we didn't accept. Our lawyer got most of our property back. The sheriffs office would not return our stencils and claim they didn't take pamphlets.

We put out a 16 page community magazine 'Alarm' River City Resistance, that we got some local stores to carry. We are also working on a dictionary of revolutionary political terms and a pamphlet series called "Statements from Political Prisoners" that includes Herman Bell, Sundiata Acoli, Ojore Lutalo and Assata Shakur. We are also working with NJ ABC to create an ABC home page on the internet. Our Free Food Program continues each week.

Jacksonville ABC-BG , 3628 Park St #20 Jacksonville, FL 32205, USA

"The most violent element in society is ignorance." - **Emma Goldman**

BEN ALTERMAN UPDATE

Ben Alterman is currently serving a prison term in Loddon Prison, Castlemaine, Victoria. His parole comes up in February 1997. Money can be sent to him as a postal order so that he can purchase foodstuffs, etc from the prison canteen.

Ben Alterman was expelled from the International SocialistOrganisation after being charged for a hold-up of a hairdressers salon.

He has contributed an article to Rank And File News, FEb/March edition 96 exposing companies that profit from prison labour. It is unfortunately the trend in Kennett's great regime that prisons become privatised and profitable. It will soon pay the rich to kepp us rabble rousers in jail where we will be forced to work on sub-award wages in order to make them rich bastards richer.

Letters of solidarity can be sent to:
Ben A. Alterman, 1
02650 Loddon Prison,
Locked Bag 3,
Castlemaine,
Victoria, 3450

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

Contact the Anarchist Black Cross

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Moreland,
Victoria,
Australia, 3058
Brisbane: P.O. Box 558,
South Brisbane,
Queensland,
Australia, 4101
email:
abc@xchange.apana.org.au

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A.B.C. CONTACTS

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ABC Sweden c/0 Ash, Tjarhovsgatah 44, 11628 Stockholm, Sweden

abc New York PO Box 1034, Bronx, NY 10454 USA

ABC Baltimore PO Box 22203, Baltimore, MD 21217, USA

ABC Fed c o New Jersey ABC, PO Box 8532, Patterson, NJ 07508-8532, USA

ABC France c o 145 Rue Amelot, 75011, PARIS, France

ABC Athens c o Basil, 8 Aristidou St 10558, Athens, Greece

ABC Huddersfield 17-21 Chapel Street, Bradford, BD1 5DT England

ABC Krako UL GONTINA 1 2, 20-203 KRAKOV POLAND

Shoplifting Latrobe Uni Students

Four editors of the LaTrobe Uni student newspaper Rabelais are facing fines and possible jail each merely for reprinting an article on shoplifting. Using an increasingly used section of the censorship laws,Victorian police - with the full co-operation of the Liberal State government and at the insistence of Simon Crean, then Labour Federal Minister for education- have mounted a vigorous campaign to jail the four editors. This campaign of political censorship is the battering ram of the State Liberal Government moves to shut down student unions, via anti- student union legislation.

According to the police, the article discussing shoplifting is an 'objectionable publication'and therefore breaks the law. Student newspapers, in particular, have a long history of running contraversial articles, from discussion of sexuality to information on drugs. yet police, the Retail Traders Association and the Victorian Attorney General Jan Wade have chosen to persue the Rabelais editors. Regardless of wewther one agrees with the content of the article, it is clear that this is a major threat to free speech, and that people should not be put in jail for expressing their point of view, or indeed in this case, publishing the views of others.

These charges ban the discussion of 'illegal activity'. The same charges could be used against people leafleting in support of picketing or other industrial actions. Any community action defying unjust laws or government power could be censored using such charges.

Four arrested for occupation

Four more students have been arrested for occupying the Uni administration building in 1995 in protest at anti-student union laws. A locked door was damaged during the protest and La Trobe Uni Administrators have used the State police to seek out and arrest students at their homes.

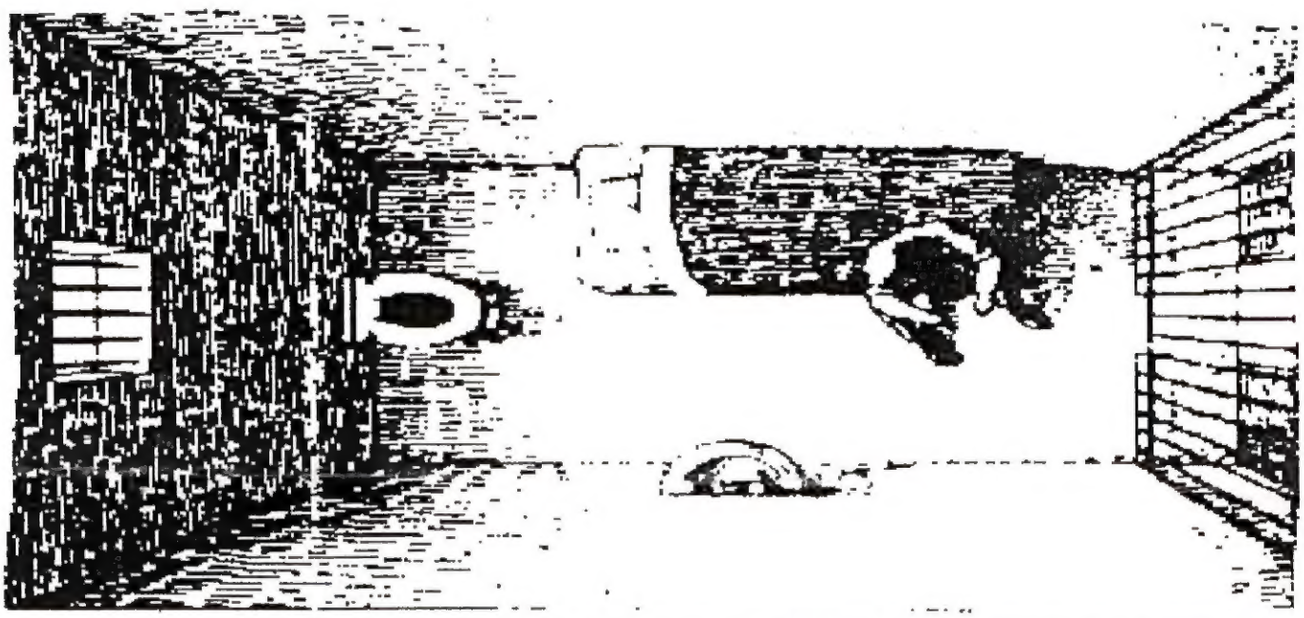
Warrants are also out for another two students, presumably the strategy is to stop any more direct action.

Alas for the Admin, students from across Victorian campuses have come to a rally at La Trobe in May 96 in solidarity and to protest at their own situations where all student papers and unions have been defunded by the State.

Contact:

Defend the Rabelais Editors Campaign,
Student Defence Committe, PO Box 146,
La Trobe Uni Post Office, Bundoora 3083.
Tel: 9479-2976/3550.

Latrobe Anarchist Conference begins on the 8th June untiul the 10th June. Workshops and discussions will be going all weekend and childcare is provided. There is a discussion about the Anarchist Black Cross at 2.30pm, Main Lecture Theatre, Latrobe Uni. For more details contact (03) 9479-2976.



Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin

Australian Speaking Tour

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin, former Black Panther imprisoned in the 1970's, and militant Anarchist Black Cross organiser, is planning to come to Australia and New Zealand to speak his fiery words of wisdom, late this year or early next year.

With politics that are both Black and working class he's sure to inspire and inform.

If anyone is interested in working towards raising the necessary funds to bring Lorenzo to Australia and organise for (at least) an east coast speaking tour, (at best) a national speaking tour, contact:

Angry People at P.O.Box 108, St Peters, NSW 2044 or PO BOS 558 Sth Brisbane Qld 4101,
or email: apeople@xchange.apana.org.au

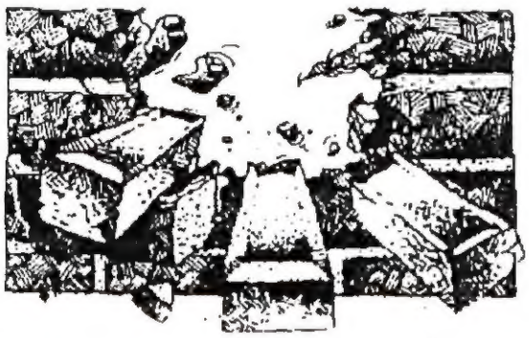
His book, *Anarchism and the Black Revolution*, his *Draft Proposal on the Anarchist Black Cross*, and writings in various anarchist journals are available from **Barricade Books: 115 Sydney Road, Brunswick, Vic, 3056.**

WHAT IS THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS ?

The Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) is an international class struggle and anarchist prisoner support group. We believe that prisons serve no function exept to preserve the ruling classes. We also believe that a free society must find alternative, effective ways of dealing with anti-social crime. But a decrease in anti-social crime is only likely to happen (and therefore prison abolition can only be a realistic option) accompanied by a dramatic change in our economic, social and political systems. These conditions lie at the root of both anti-social crime and a reason for a prison system and our primary goal is to make these fundemental changes. We work for a stateless, classless, co-operative society, free from privilege or domination based based on race or gender.

But it is not enough to build the grass roots movements necessary to bring about these changes in society, we also have to defend them. The ABC defends those who are captured and persecuted for carrying out acts on behalf of our movements. The ABC aims to recognise and expose the struggles of prisoners in general, and political prisoners and prisoners of war in particular. We regard prisoners as an active part of our movement and seek to maintain their past and potential contributions by acting as a link back to the continuing struggle. Increased communication between activists both inside and oustide inspires resistance on both sides of the prison walls. Although imprisonment is, in its self political, political prisoners of warfare being held specifically for their beliefs or actions.

We don't place judgements on what are valid or invalid expressions of resistance; non-violence is not a criterion for support. We hope that we can encourage activists by providing assurance that even if you are persecuted for your activities, the movement will not abandon you: we will take care of our own. Through the ABC we are building organisational support for resistance.



In The Black!

Income:

$922	from conference weekend
$10	Donation Michael
$5	Donation
$5	M.P. (WA)
$18	P.H. (WA)
$2.50	M.P. (NSW)

Expenses:

$50	Black Star Club (PA use for conference)
$35	A.Press (bulletin #1)
$180	Mail Out for #1
$200	A.Press (credit for future bulletins)
$220	ABC Brisbane:
	$15 Stationary (Disks, Photo copy paper and etc.
$238	ABC Melbourne:
	$10 postage for prisoner mail
	$20 books/mags to prisoners
	$40 P.O. Box rental

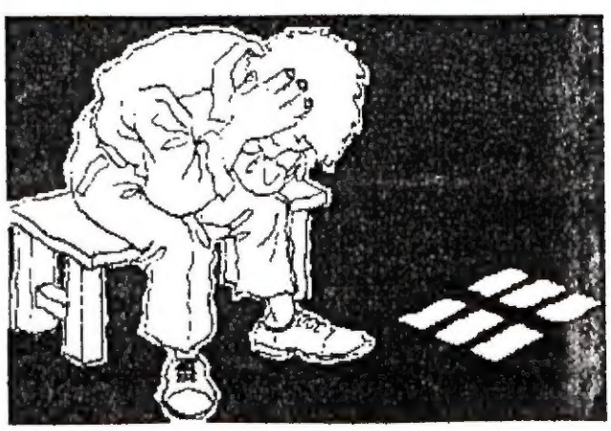
Free to Prisoners (publishers & distributors, please contact us for listing)available from Barricade Books

How to Make Trouble & Influence People - political mischief making in Australasia 80pp $3 + $1.50 postage

10 Years in Babylon 48pp $2 + 1.50 postage

Revolution Will not be Televised, Ciaron O'Reilly, 36pp, $1.00

Reproduction of Daily Life	34pp	$1.00
Irrational in Politics	48pp	$1.00
Poverty of Student Life	28pp	$1.00
Last of the Hippies	16pp	$1.30
Art of Anarchy	56pp	$7
EZLN - letters from Marcos	24pp	$1.00
Message Sticks in Cyberspace	36pp	$2.50



ABC Weekend

The Anarchist Black Cross weekend at the beginning of March this year was a huge success. Loads of thanks has to go to the Wellington st. Squatters for helping out and organising the huge benefit gigs. Thanks also to, Black Star club, F.N.B., Barricade Bookshop, all the speakers , those that helped with childcare and everyone that came.

Anarchist News From Greece

The 7 anarchists who were convicted to 40 months imprisonment because of their participation in the last November Polytechnic School uprising were absent from their trial. There are now 11. The 4 new convicted are about 15-16 years old.

The 9 anarchists have been ordered to be re-arrested and imprisoned immediately until their appeal case can be heard. They refuse to surrender to the State and the 7 of them live in hiding from the 15th of December, while the other 2 from last February. Their position is one of resistance against the State and is an act of social struggle.

The police have already raided a number of squats, cafes and homes in an effort to arrest them.

A number of strong solidarity actions have been organised in the centre of Athens and also in some suburbs, mostly held by the Collaboration of Anarchist Groups for the Social Solidarity and the Multiform Action. A couple of months ago the police annoyed some other anarchists by re-arresting or following them, because of their participation in the Polytechnic School uprising. Amongst them is Demos Christofides, a 20 year old student, member of the Collaboration and co-editor of the anarchist paper "Streets of Rage".

Also there is a tremendous economical problem in the Collaboration of Anarchist Groups due to the increased action of the last months and because when the police raided its offices, it stole about 550,000 drachmas (about $3000 Australian). As they are continuing the struggle the cost of printing, photocopier, rent, etc. is very big for anyone who wants to offer economical help the Collaboration has an account number:

157.882717-63 NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, ATHENS (For more information contact Dimitri c/o Barricade Books/Infoshop, 115 Sydney Rd, Brunswick, Victoria, Australia, 3056. To contact them, write to: P.O. Box 30658, 10033, Athens, Greece or P.O. Box 30557, 10033, Athens, Greece.

The Collaboration of Anarchist Groups invites every comrade and group around the world to display its solidarity to the 9 Greek anarchists by planning and enacting actions against the Greek State.

SOLIDARITY BY EVERY MEANS TO THE GREEK ANARCHISTS!
THE 9 COMRADES REFUSE TO SURRENDER TO THE STATE!
THE STATE IS THE ONLY TERRORIST!

OTHER NEWS

In the Greek prisons remain two other anarchists:

ODYSSEAS KAMBOURIS, who has been convicted to 5 years imprisonment for attacking a police guard outside the Communist Party Headquarters.

NIKOS KARANTZAS, a student who has been charged for carrying molotov bombs during a student demonstration in January 1995 in Athens.

GIORGOS KRITIKOPOULOS who had been convicted to 12 years imprisonment for throwing molotov bombs against the premises of the International Exhibition of Thessaloniki, during a solidarity demonstration to EZLN (Zapatistas) in March 21, 1995, was finally freed after he paid a bail.

Kritipopoulos wants to thank all those who offered solidarity to him.

Last month 3 young anarchists arrested in Athens. Police claimed that they are members of an armed group called "Wolves of Exarchia". They were taken to the cells of Astalia (the police Headquarters) but we haven't any other information about them, such as names, ages, conditions of arresting, etc.

You can register your protest at the GREEK EMBASSY,

9 TURRANA ST, YARRALUMLA, CANBERRA, ACT 2600, AUSTRALIA Tel: (062) 73 3157

or the GREEK GENERAL CONSULATE, 34 QUEENS RD, MELBOURNE 3004, AUSTRALIA Tel: (03) 9866 4524

Travesty International?

Q. Why aren't you all in Amnesty International?

A. Amnesty International does good work for prisoners of conscience. The ABC takes up the cases of those whom groups like Amnesty Inter-national will not take on because the convicted are guilty of 'crimes of violence' which their non-violent pledge excludes.

Self-defence is not an offence when a woman stops a rapist, gays bash back, poofter bashers' or fascists and racists get caught by those they routinely terrorise. Those who fight for their independence from invading Dictatorships like the Timorese, Bougainvilleans, West Papuans and many other indigenous peoples at first try 'non-violence' and would go back to those tactics but military, police and mercen-ary death squads dominate the situation. Like most people we are not 'terrorists' but neither are we quietly submissive to bullies.

In June 1993 British Aerospace got the 500 million pound contract to supply the Indonesian military 8 Hawk 100 advanced trainer light attack aircraft and sixteen Hawk 200 single-seat fighters with spares and training. Hawks are made especially for air-to-ground assaults as used in East Timor.

For over three years thousands of people campaigned to stop the deal. In Britain a large coalition of human rights, peace and anti-arms trade groups opposed the sale with letter writing, petitions, street stalls, public meetings, demonstrations at the AGMs of BAe, peace camps, talking to BAe workers, lobbying MPs, and acts of civil disobedience including tres-passes, die-ins and blockades at Government buildings and BAe sites. All to no avail. So in the 56th plough-shares action world-wide and the third in Britain, Andrea Needham, Joanna Wilson and Lotta Kronlid, inspired by the biblical injunction "to beat swords into ploughshares" (Micah 4.3) armed with hammers, have taken full personal responsibility for their direct action disarmament

MUMIA SAVED FROM ELECTRIC CHAIR

But Still In Danger of Execution.

Mumia Abu Jamal was to be murdered by the State on Aug 17.1995. Ten days before his death was postponed indefinitely. The Judge, Albert Sabo, had never before granted a stay in the 32 deaths he has handed out in Philadelphia. Sabo had presided at Jamal's 1981 trial for allegedly killing Philly cop Daniel Faulkner. Sabo issued a 154 page ruling rejecting each of Jamal's claims that he was framed. Philly cops have recently been exposed and convicted in a series of trial revealing corruption, brutality and perjury. Protests around the US and across the world helped get the stay of execution: Pennsylvania Supreme Court received 100,000 letters dem-anding that Judge Sabo be removed.

Jamal continues to "sojourn in hell" on death row in a 8 by 10 foot cell containing a cot, a sink and a toilet. "It's like living in your bathroom all day and all night long!" he says.

The Philadelphia chapter of the racist Fraternal Order of Police held their own rallies to demand Jamal's execution. 300 armed off duty cops on July 19 picketed a fund-raiser for Jamal chanting "four more weeks".. Driven to a frenzy by the temporary stay of execution, several thousand cops gathered on Sept 16 in Philadelphia's Independence Square and chanted "Burn, Baby. Burn." in reference to Mumia's death in the electric chair. Any one supporting Jamal is also subject to a police boycott and Sen. Bob Dole on behalf of the cops pressured National Public Radio to cancel Mumia's death row radio commentaries.

Protest to:
Governor Thomas Ridge.
Main Capital Bldg., Rm. 225, Harrisburg PA 17120
Tel: 717/783-1198 or fax: 717/783-1396

Contact for more info: Equal Justice USA, POB 5206, Hyattsville MD 20782
Tel 301/699-0042.

You can get his book, Live from Death Row, as well as cassette tapes, a comic about his case, and excerpts from his book from:
Barricade Books, 115 Sydney Rd, Brunswick,Victoria,.Australia 3056.
Tel: (03) 9387-6646 or e-mail: *infoshop%barricad@xchange.apana.org.au*

"What I want people to know is, that they call me a cold-blooded killer. I shot a man who shot me first. The only thing that convicted me is that I'm a Mexican and he was a police officer.

"From there you call me a cold-blooded murderer...I didn't tie anybody to stretcher. I didn't pump poison into anybody's veins from behind a locked door. You call this justice. I call this and your society a bunch of cold-blooded murderers!"

- Henry M. Porter, executed in Texas by injection on July 9, 1985 for killing a policeman.

ANTI-NUCLEAR PRISONERS BOSCO BOSCOVITCH & MAYA CATTS!

Bosco Boscovitch and Maya Catts were found guilty of setting fire to the French Consulate in Perth in protest over nuclear testing in the Pacific.

From prison, Bosco writes:

"My crime consisted of too sensitive a social consciousness. People are either not familiar with history, or they have not yet learnt that revolution is but thought carried into action. My cry of malediction and of truth was a strike not for myself. Not a crime against humanity, though a strike for humanity; appealing to the depths of human nature itself. My action was a tumultuous outburst of new hope, where necessity knows no law."

Bosco is eligible for parole in a couple of months time. Until then, he can be contacted at:

Bosco Boscovitch, c/o Wooroobo Prison, Locked Bag 100, Lynley Valley, WA, 6556.

Maya Catts, also found guilty of arson, appealed against her sentence and had her time doubled!! She is in Bandyup womens prison and can be contacted at:

Maya Catts, 100 Middle Swan Road, Guildford, WA 6055,

PLOUGHSHARES WOMEN ACTIVISTS NEED SUPPORT

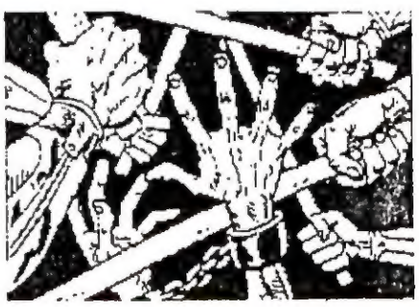
In the early hours of Monday 29 January 1996, Andrea Needham, Joanne Wilson and Lotta Kronlid of the Seeds of Hope East Timor Plough-shares, having decided that they had used every avenue of protest, snipped their way through the fence of the British Aerospace factory test site in Wharton, Lancashire. When they found Hawk jet number ZH 955, destined for Indonesia (and use in East Timor) they took out hammers and, blow by blow, disabled all component connected to the weaponry - the nose cone, radar, bomb attach-ment under the wings and control devices in the cockpit. Undetected for nearly two hours, they punctured the fuselage and smashed radar equip-ment and missile guidance systems. They hung banners on the aircraft, poured seeds and ashes over the plane and planted photos of children, of the victims of the Santa Cruz massacre, and left "Seeds of Hope" video and report containing their statement of intent.

They notified the Press Association who made inquiries which brought the security guards who arrested them. They were charged with criminal damage of more than 2 million pounds!

On 30 January 1996, Angie Zelter and 51 coinformants, "laid information" before Norwich magistrates Court. Angie attempted to present a summons for the arrest of Ian Lang MP, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, for conspiring to Aid and abet acts of Genocide as defined in the Genocide Act of 1969. After a 2 hour hearing the magistrate rejected their application. Angie whose statement of intent was shown on the video left with the aircraft, was later arrested as she was going to a meeting in Preston to speak about the action, and with a hammer in her bag.

All four women have been charged with conspiracy. They expect to go on trial in June. The women have been refuse bail and are on remand please write to:

Lotta Kronlid VD0087; Andrea Needham VD0088; Joanna Wilson VD0089; Angie Zelter VD0184.
HMP Remand Centre, Risley,
617 Warrington Road,
Risley, Cheshire, WA 6BP



DEATHS IN CUSTODY

Aboriginal deaths in custody are again increasing at an alarming rate, with last year being

one of the worst on record with fifteen deaths of aboriginal people in custody nationally.

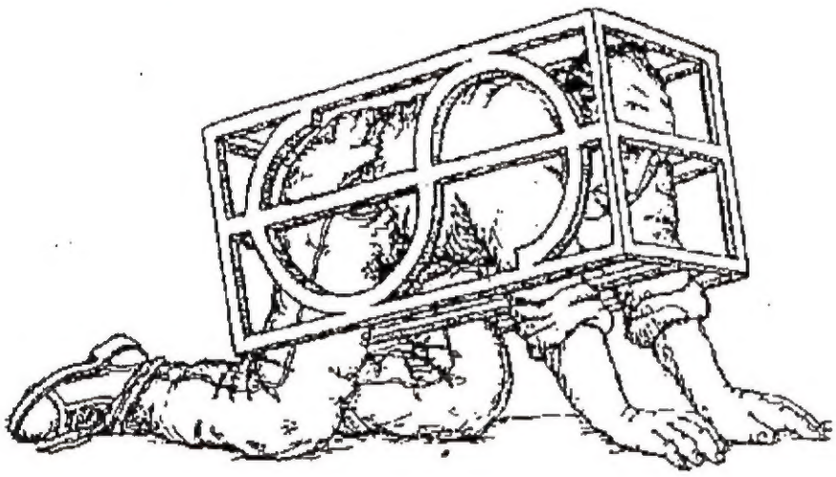
Already [as of May] this year a further five have been reported, the most recent being on the 24th of April where a 22 year old man was found hanging from a bedsheet strung from a light fixture at the C.W Cambell Remand Centre at Canning Vale in South Perth. The man had been in custody for four weeks and was not due to appear in court until later the next month. The fact that the deceased had been in prison for a full month without being charged, raises further questions to the so called 'justice' system.

Aboriginal deaths in custody account for over 17% of all deaths in custody, yet they make up for less than 1.5% of this countries population. In some states the population of aboriginal people in prison has increased by over 150% in the last five years, proving that despite the 339 recomendations handed down by the Royal Commission into Aborigiinal Deaths in custody in 1991, nothing has changed exept an increasing rate of genocidal actions against this countries indigenous people that has existed for well over 200 years.

Support indigenous struggle

for more info contact.....

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee.
Room 34, 1st Floor, Trades Hall,
4 Goulbourn Street, Sydney,
NSW 2000
Ph. (02) 2649895 Fax (02) 2649916



LEE PEARCE

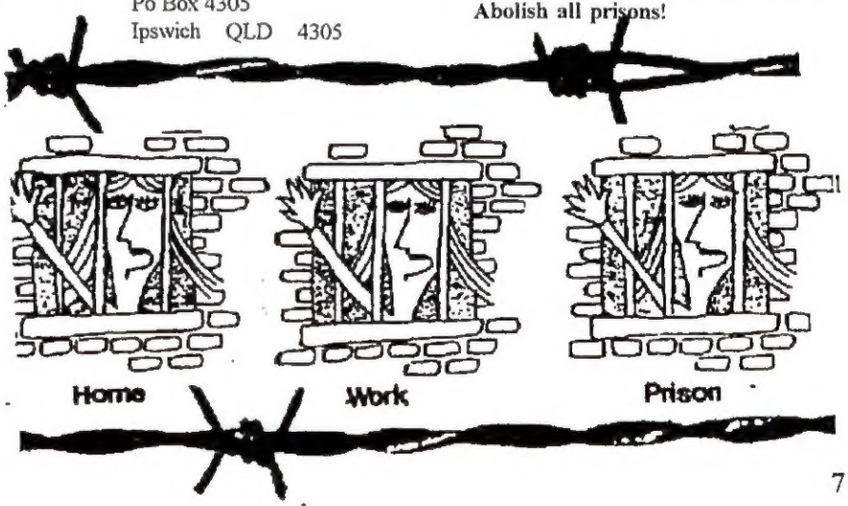
Lee Pearce is currently serving a period of 6 years in Queensland's Borallon Prison. Due to the fact that Lee maintains his innocence, all remissions have been refused to him.

Lee has been told that unless he signs a written statement admitting his guilt he will be serving the full time, of which he has already done four and half years.

Although this is no less than the unlawful duress it seems that the QCSC is a law unto themselves and have no inclination to follow the law unless it suits them to do so.

Lee is curently writing a book called 'Sunshine State Justice', about the vicious Queensland Corrective system and his experience delt to him since incarceration. Lee is desperatly in need of funds and the materials involved to keep writing and interested parties to publish. If you can assist Lee in anyway, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Lee Pearce
Borrallon Corr. Centre
Po Box 4305
Ipswich QLD 4305



Fairlea

Fairlea women's prison is closing next month four, years since it opened as the first purpose-built women's prison in Victoria.

On Sunday the 19th of May, over a thousand people converged on the prison to celebrate Fairlea's closure, and to protest against the institutionalized abuse carried out inside its walls.

While it was wonderful to be able to come together and show our solidarity for the women inside Fairlea, one could not help but feel apprehensive about the future of these women and that of their children. Fairlea will be replaced with Victoria's first private prison and the first private women's prison outside the U.S. The new 125-bed prison at Deer Park (on a site that is a contaminated rocket fuel testing area) is to be managed by the australian subsiduary of the largest private prison corporation in the world - Corrections Corporation of America. What this means is 24-hour video and audio surveillance and 24-hour lighting. Women will have to shower in full view of security cameras, there is no purpose-built detox centre and no 24-hour medical facility or supervision.

It is still very unclear as to whether women can have their children with them and what services will be provided.

On a lighter note, 'Ring Out Fairlea' was women in song on both sides of the wall.

"I owe it to my sisters, who were once full of fight, that they are heard" - Mary Magdlain, from Fairlea Prison.

The right are crying out for private prisons, the left think they should be government run. We say: Fuck them both!

Abolish all prisons!

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Po Box 558
Sth Brisbane QLD 4101

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CZECH ANTIFASCIST ARRESTED FOR A MURDER

On the 20th of March a young antifascist Pavel Kroupa went with his brother by a bus on a line from Prague to Mlada Boleslav. There werealso 5 nazis in a bus. First of all he was verbally attacked by them like "be sure you will not come from this bus alive". At the end of the way they stood outside of the bus one with knife, other with boxer (a type of home-made knuckle-duster). There started a fight and during this he killed one of them by a knife. Police came to his home at night and accused him of a murder. He is in a prison now, arrested for a murder. We think there was only one way how to survive - to fight for self-defence.

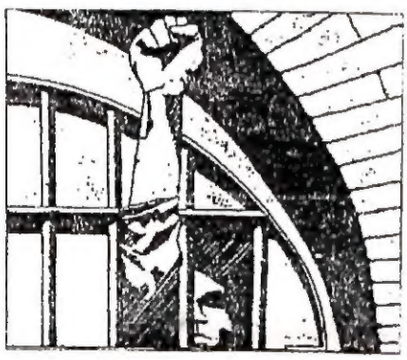
Every support for hime is needed. We make benefits for him to have a good lawyer and for release. We hope he will be released, because there was a similar case in a past, when one man (famous sculpturist Pavel Opocensky) killed one nazi skinhead in self-defence. But it took years of proofing, that he was attacked by a group of skinheads and that he killed him in self-defence. He is free now.

But Pavel Kroupa is still in prison and we want our state to release him.

The support for him can be sent to him to the prison address:

Pavel Kroupa 4.3.1977
veznice vazba
straz pod ralskem
471 27
Czech Republic

Benefit support:
Ivana Vranova
Bohunicka 19
600 00 Brno
Czech Republic
or a phone number: 09425/339895 (ask for Borek)



Another Intractable Killed

SCREWS GET FREE REIN!

Vincent Crupi was jailed for making death threats against the Premier of Victoria, Jeff Kennett. While in Pentridge Prison, he was shoved into the Management Unit in order to break his spirit. After he wouldn't give in to the screws, he was transferred to Barwon Prison. There, whilst in a straight jacket, he suffered a heart attack in a scuffle with the screws! An internal inquiry has been called, which will no doubt clear the screws of any wrongdoing.

Adelaide Prisoners Get Tough

Yatala Prison, in South Australia, erupted when about 30 prisoners attacked 4 screws and took them hostage in a 12 hour stand off over preferential treatment given to protective prisoners - ex-police, informers and paedophiles. Previous sit-ins and protests over the issue had resulted in bashings from the screws. With nothing to lose, they threatened to burn the prison down if police special operations moved in. After their demands were read over South Australian television by the State Minister of Corrections, they all emerged from the prison, with the remaining two screws leaving last. It remains to be seen how the screws and prison administration will clamp down on supposed 'ringleaders' and the general prison population over this latest fight.

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